



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Yasuhiro UYAMA, et al. Art Unit: 1746

Application No.: 10/757,725

Filed: January 15, 2004

For: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL, FUEL CELL ELECTRODE, METHOD
FOR PRODUCING ELECTRODE CATALYST LAYER, AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated October 17, 2006, the applicant hereby elects Invention I and Species Ia, with traverse. Claims 1-7 are considered to be directed to the elected subject matter.

The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement. No unduly extensive or burdensome search would be required to examine the claims of the various groups and species in the same application. MPEP §803 states:

"If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must